

TABLE B-111.—*International reserves, selected years, 1972–2008*

[Millions of special drawing rights (SDRs), end of period]

Area and country	1972	1982	1992	2002	2006	2007	2008	
							September	October
All countries	146,658	361,166	753,847	1,890,032	3,414,407	4,110,936	4,493,540	4,599,773
Industrial countries ¹	113,362	214,025	426,440	766,645	983,906	997,557	1,012,144	1,046,329
United States	12,112	29,918	52,995	59,160	45,615	46,820	48,192	48,608
Canada	5,572	3,439	8,662	27,225	23,265	25,944	27,542	27,768
Euro area (incl. ECB) ¹				195,771	143,735	148,786	153,485	160,499
Austria	2,505	5,544	9,703	7,480	4,985	7,079	6,657	6,443
Belgium	3,564	4,757	10,914	9,010	6,095	6,827	5,667	5,185
Cyprus	294	490	764	2,239	3,770	3,888	634	431
Finland	664	1,420	3,862	6,885	4,372	4,525	4,506	4,587
France	9,224	17,850	22,522	24,268	31,412	31,855	29,490	30,632
Germany	21,908	43,909	69,489	41,516	31,561	31,896	32,431	33,635
Greece	950	916	3,606	6,083	502	526	324	258
Ireland	1,038	2,390	2,514	3,989	485	499	495	528
Italy	5,605	15,108	22,438	23,798	19,817	20,721	24,909	26,542
Luxembourg			66	114	148	93	424	209
Malta			927	1,625	1,979	2,396	317	229
Netherlands	4,407	10,723	17,492	7,993	7,902	7,198	8,171	7,872
Portugal	2,130	1,179	14,474	8,889	1,802	1,226	1,335	1,423
Slovenia			520	5,143	4,683	624	596	570
Spain	4,567	7,450	33,640	25,992	7,663	7,582	7,781	7,890
Australia	5,656	6,053	8,429	15,307	35,618	15,764	17,136	18,974
Japan	16,916	22,001	52,937	340,088	585,600	603,794	626,418	645,720
New Zealand	767	577	2,239	3,650	9,352	10,914	9,411	
Denmark	787	2,111	8,090	19,924	19,833	20,663	19,001	
Iceland	78	133	364	326	1,532	1,634	2,348	
Norway	1,220	6,272	8,725	23,579	37,784	38,500	28,428	29,758
San Marino				135	318	410		
Sweden	1,453	3,397	16,667	12,807	16,649	17,281	21,995	22,373
Switzerland	6,961	16,930	27,100	31,693	26,773	29,432	30,083	30,696
United Kingdom	5,201	11,904	27,300	27,973	27,402	31,330	27,567	29,247
Developing countries: Total ²	33,295	145,652	327,408	1,123,387	2,430,501	3,113,379	3,481,395	3,553,444
By area:								
Africa	3,962	7,737	13,069	53,996	147,879	183,729	222,759	230,201
Asia ²	7,935	44,490	191,041	720,104	1,512,284	1,892,995	2,089,031	2,136,206
China, P.R. (Mainland)		10,733	15,441	214,815	710,920	969,055		
India	1,087	4,213	4,584	50,174	113,895	169,356	178,778	164,684
Korea	485	2,556	12,463	89,272	158,804	165,908	153,878	142,577
Europe	2,680	5,359	13,798	131,942	398,138	537,382	612,363	628,426
Russia				32,840	196,921	295,320	348,674	
Middle East	9,407	64,039	44,397	98,645	165,287	216,916	225,366	230,247
Western Hemisphere	9,089	25,563	65,102	118,700	206,913	282,358	331,876	328,363
Brazil	3,853	3,566	16,457	27,593	56,643	113,585	132,029	132,027
Mexico	1,072	828	13,800	37,223	50,702	55,128	63,415	57,035
Memoranda:								
Oil-exporting countries	9,927	67,108	46,392	110,079	236,971	313,284	341,689	349,433
Non-oil developing countries ² ..	23,339	78,544	281,015	1,013,309	2,193,530	2,800,095	3,139,706	3,204,011

¹ Includes data for European Central Bank (ECB) beginning 1999. Detail does not add to totals shown.² Includes data for Taiwan Province of China.

Note.—International reserves consists of monetary authorities' holdings of gold (at SDR 35 per ounce), SDRs, reserve positions in the International Monetary Fund, and foreign exchange.

U.S. dollars per SDR (end of period) are: 1.08570 in 1972; 1.10310 in 1982; 1.37500 in 1992; 1.35952 in 2002; 1.50440 in 2006; 1.58025 in 2007; 1.55722 in September 2008; and 1.48830 in October 2008.

Source: International Monetary Fund, *International Financial Statistics*.